

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPORT TO STATE EXTENSION PROGRAMME FOR EXTENSION REFORMS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to extend the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - 'Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms';

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the names of districts in which the said scheme is being implemented in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' based on Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Model is currently operational in 13 districts of Orissa namely, Balasore, Bolangir, Dhankanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Keonjhar, Kandhamal, Khurda, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Naupada, Sambalpur and Sundergarh.

The Government of Orissa had requested in September, 2006 that the scheme may be extended to the remaining 17 districts of the State. A decision on the request was deferred pending greater clarity on the coverage of the scheme in the XI Plan. A view has now been taken that the coverage of the scheme may be extended to all rural districts in the country.

However, additional districts would be brought under the coverage of the scheme only after the State Extension Work Plan (SEWP) for 2007-08 in respect of the districts already covered under the scheme in a state has been approved by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture. SEWP for 2007-08 in respect of such districts from Orissa is awaited.